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PATENT APPLICATION

FOR NATIONAL PHASE SUBMISSION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Peter Menke
Serial Number: Unassigned
Filed: July 12, 2006
Group Art: Unassigned
Examiner: Unassigned
Title: **OPTICALLY IGNITED SPARK GAP**

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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir or Madam:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of this national stage application referenced above by Peter Menke entitled "OPTICALLY IGNITED SPARK GAP" filed July 12, 2006, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.